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A Government Bill is distinguished by designating the portfolio of the Minister who introduced it. A Private Member's Bill (non-Government public bill) or Private or Local Bill is distinguished by giving the constituency of the member who introduced it.

In Nova Scotia all Government Bills and Private Member's Bills, after receiving second reading, are referred to the Law Amendments Committee unless the House otherwise determines. The only exception to this rule is the appropriations bill which is governed by special rules of the House. All Private or Local Bills, after receiving second reading, are referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

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(Minister of Justice)

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Darrell Dexter
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Honourable Michael G. Baker, Q.C.
(Minister of Justice)

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Honourable Barry Barnet
(Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

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Honourable Barry Barnet
(Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

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Russell MacKinnon
(Cape Breton West)

First Reading ..... October 15, 2003

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Honourable Kerry Morash
(Minister of Environment and Labour)

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Frank Corbett
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(Richmond)

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Frank Corbett
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Howard Epstein
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Darrell Dexter
(Cole Harbour)

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Honourable Kerry Morash
(Minister of Environment and Labour)

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Honourable Michael G. Baker, Q.C.
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Honourable Peter G. Christie
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Honourable Peter G. Christie
(Minister of Finance)

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